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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT - EARLY MORNING PETROLUBE PLANT FOR RIYADH

1. DURING INAUGURAL CEREMONIES FOR NEW \$104 MILLION LUBRICANT REFINERY IN JIDDA BOTH CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND MINPET YAMANI STATED THAT A NEW PETROLUBE BLENDING PLANT WOULD BE BUILT IN RIYADH TO SUPPLY THE NEEDS FOR LUBRICANTS IN THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN PROVINCES.

2. THIS IS THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUCH A PROJECT AND ITS REITERATION BY THE CROWN PRINCE AND OIL MINISTER YAMANI INDICATE THAT IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

3. THE JIDDA REFINERY IS A JOINT VENTURE WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE MOBIL OIL CORP OF 30 PERCENT WITH PETROMIN HAVING THE REMAINING INTEREST. WHILE NO SPECIFICS WERE MENTIONED FOR THE RIYADH PROJECT IT IS ASSUMED THAT A SIMILAR JOINT VENTURE IS IN MIND. AT LEAST IT WILL REQUIRE A FOREIGN PARTNER FOR PROVISION OF TECHNOLOGY AND POSSIBLY OPERATION FOR THE SHORT TERM AT LEAST.

4. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE INITIAL RAW MATERIAL FOR THE PLANT WILL BE SHIPPED FROM JIDDA FOR THE RIYADH PROJECT BUT IT MAY ALSO REQUIRE A CRUDE OIL PIPELINE FROM THE EASTERN PROVINCE OIL FIELDS.

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